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3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
4 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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6 Evan Ratcliff,

7 Plaintiff,

8 v.

9 Bob Faulkner, et al.,

10 Defendants.

Case No. 2:21-cv-01351-RFB-DJA

**Order**

11 Before the Court is Plaintiff's motion to extend deadlines. (ECF No. 79). Defendant Bob  
12 Faulkner filed a limited opposition to Plaintiff's request to extend the deadline to amend  
13 pleadings or add parties, but does not oppose Plaintiff's request to extend the close of discovery.<sup>1</sup>  
14 (ECF No. 80). Having reviewed both Plaintiff's motion and Defendant's opposition, the Court  
15 finds that Plaintiff has demonstrated good cause to extend the deadlines that have not yet passed  
16 and excusable neglect to reopen the deadline to amend pleadings and add parties that has passed.  
17 *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b); *see* LR 26-3.

18 Additionally, although Plaintiff has not explained whether he seeks to extend the  
19 deadlines for expert disclosures, the Court *sua sponte* includes and extends those deadlines in its  
20 schedule below. It does so because Plaintiff points out that he received medical records related to  
21 this case—which records are technical in nature—in mid-March. To accommodate the possibility  
22 that expert analysis is necessary and to keep deadlines organized, the Court includes these  
23 deadlines in its schedule.

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26 <sup>1</sup> Defendant has raised other arguments against reopening the deadline to amend pleadings and  
27 add parties, including that amendment would be futile and that Plaintiff's claims should be  
28 dismissed. However, these arguments—opposing amendment itself—do not bear on the Court's  
analysis in determining whether the amendment *deadline* should be extended. The Court thus  
does not address them here.

1           **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Plaintiff's motion to extend time (ECF No. 79) is  
2 **granted.** The below deadlines shall govern discovery:

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4	Amend pleadings/add parties:	May 28, 2024
5	Initial expert disclosures:	June 26, 2024
6	Rebuttal expert disclosures:	July 26, 2024
7	Close of discovery:	August 26, 2024
8	Dispositive motions:	September 25, 2024
9	Pretrial order:	October 25, 2024 <sup>2</sup>

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11 DATED: April 26, 2024

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14 DANIEL J. ALBREGTS  
15 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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27 <sup>2</sup> Under Local Rule 26-1(b)(5), if dispositive motions are filed, the deadline for filing the joint  
28 pretrial order will be suspended until thirty days after decision on the dispositive motions or further court order.